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O folds of white and scarlet! O blue field with your silver stars! May fond eyes welcome you, willing feet follow you, strong hands defend you, warm hearts cherish you, and dying lips give you their blessing! Ours by inheritance, ours by allegiance, ours by affection—long may you float on the free winds of heaven, the emblem of liberty, the hope of the world!—Anon.

## Five Minute Chats on Our Presidents

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### PROFESSOR IN POLITICS

- 1855—December 28, Woodrow Wilson born at Staunton, Va.
- 1879—Graduated at Princeton.
- 1885—Married Ellen Louise Axson of Savannah, Ga.
- 1885-8—Associate professor at Bryn Mawr.
- 1888-90—Professor at Wesleyan university in Connecticut.
- 1890-1902—Professor at Princeton.
- 1902-10—President of Princeton.
- 1911-13—Governor of New Jersey.
- 1913—March 4, inaugurated twenty-seventh president, aged fifty-six.

NEITHER Woodrow Wilson nor his administration has yet passed into history, whose judgment on them it would be folly to try to forecast. Nevertheless, much of the record of the presidency is made up and closed, and may be summarized at least, although it is perhaps foolhardy to venture into the flames of passion that blind men alike to the merits and demerits of almost every president while he remains the central figure of partisan strife. "A statesman is a politician who is dead," said Thomas B. Reed.

In this age of ours, when men are going to school to learn business and farming and all manner of vocations, it was natural that there should appear in the White House a man like Woodrow Wilson, who had learned politics in the classroom rather than in the wardroom. The eighth of our Virginia-born presidents—in reality he is not

made by the Democratic bosses of corrupt, machine-ridden New Jersey when they summoned the president of Princeton university from the golf links one afternoon in the fall of 1910 to receive the nomination for governor. When this supposed novice in politics declared, as he bumbled through what, as he had to own up, was his first political speech, that if elected governor he would govern, the politicians nudged one another and laughed in their sleeves at the idea of a professor trying to run their machine. They laughed out loud when they saw him actually sit down in the governor's chair and begin to play politics out of a book.

Of all things, it was a book which he himself had written in his youthful school days merely as a thesis for his Ph.D. at Johns Hopkins. The young graduate student made the discovery that our Constitution created a vacuum, which the bosses had rushed in to fill.

Alas, popular leadership is neither a science nor an art that can be taught out of a book.

Where other leaders of our democracy have appealed to the emotions, he is one of the least electric, least dramatic of our presidents, with no anecdotes to popularize him, with no legends of his youth or myths about his political career to vitalize him to the general imagination. He owes his various successes at the polls to the cold logic of the political situation and little to his popularity. His academic aloofness from politics, in a time when politicians had fallen into disfavor, made him the available man for governor in 1910. As a candidate for president, he ran a poor second to William Clark in the popular primaries of 1912. He was nominated at Baltimore only after 45 ballots, and then only as a result of Bryan's overthrow of the steam roller. And he was elected by the division of the Republicans between Roosevelt and Taft, though he received a smaller vote than the Democrats had polled in three past elections.

It is the tragedy of Woodrow Wilson's nature that when the elements were mixed in him, magnetism was denied him, that loneliness which draws the hearts of men. The head has been the powerhouse of his leadership.

### COURSES ON PATRIOTISM

Bible Lessons Brought To School Rooms; Ministers Talk.

Sapulpa, Okla.—Sapulpa schools have adopted the system authorized by law and approved by H. H. Wilson, state superintendent of public instruction, calling for patriotic exercises in connection with history lessons, with added features. Fifteen minutes of each morning are spent in singing national anthems, recitations of historical events and patriotic story telling. Members of the American Legion, civil war veterans and other patriotic societies are assisting in this work.

In addition to the historical and patriotic exercises, Sunday school work has been brought to the school rooms. Sapulpa is probably the first city in the state to take up active church work in the schools. Ministers address pupils of each school for a half hour on Tuesday morning of each week.

### NEWKIRK PAVING IS READY

Stretch of State Highway to Ponca City is Opened.

Newkirk, Okla.—The paving of the two and one-half mile stretch of road at this end of the state highway between Newkirk and Ponca City, was completed last week and was thrown open to travel by the state highway engineer, C. H. Rishmire.

Five additional miles of concrete road on this highway in Kay county will be laid next year. Within five years, if government aid continues to be given, the entire fourteen miles between Newkirk and Ponca City, as well as the stretch of the same distance between this city and Arkansas City, Kan. will be paved, according to John Fox, commissioner.

Work on the section of road just completed, began September 20. It would have been completed several weeks sooner had not shipments of rock been delayed.

### SHOW AS ANNUAL AFFAIR

Marathon Event Scheduled This Month; Many To Try For Cups.

El Reno, Okla.—To stem the rapidly widening interest in amateur sports and in competitive trials, the El Reno Fair association has completed arrangements for the holding of a big horse show and country circus in two new buildings on the evenings of November 11 and 13. The affair probably will be made an annual event.

Six classes of show horses will be included in the exhibition, and to date sixty-three entries have been made received, filling all of the classes. Silver cups are offered by the association for each of the classes. A similar show is held at Tulsa each year. In four previous years, the event here, the fair association is anxious to arouse interest all over the western part of the state in the raising of high class equines.

A large portion of the entries in the show will be from Ponca City, Colonel Jones being one of the leaders in the preparations for the event.

### Survey Made For Waurika Road.

Waurika, Okla.—Surveyors are in the field southwest of here completing the survey for the line of railroad to connect Byers of Texas, with Waurika. Frank Keel of Waurika Falls, is having the survey made and is having a complete cross section blueprint made of the line. Promoters of the new road believe that work will begin along the line within the next sixty days. Both Waurika and Byers are interested in the road.

### Boy Scouts Pay Tribute.

Oklahoma City, Okla.—Boy Scouts of this city as well as many friends, are at very much loss with the death of their beloved Executive, Rev. J. E. Pershing, who they payed tribute to in a worthy manner when they turned out 1,000 strong with leaders and took part in their last hike with their executive to his final resting place.



### Prisoners Double At Granite

An increase of 100 percent in the number of prisoners at the Granite reformatory is reported by George F. Clark, chairman of the state board of affairs. There are now 522 young men in the reformatory against 259 only nine months ago.

Boys are going wrong and receiving punishment at a far greater rate of increase than men, according to Clark. The Pauls Valley training school for boys is unable to handle the large number of requests from county judges who would send delinquent boys to the school, Clark says.

There has been a substantial increase in the number of prisoners at the state penitentiary, according to Fred E. Switzer, warden.

### Asks for Regulations.

Request for regulations concerning the appointment of federal aid funds to the various states was made to the federal highway department at Washington recently by B. E. Clark, state

## 14 INJURED IN RAILROAD WRECK

SANTA FE NO. 11 FROM PURCELL TO KANSAS CITY DERAILED

### OFF OF 18 FOOT EMBANKMENT

Cause Of Disaster Was From A Broken Rail Which The Locomotive and Part Of The Train Passed Over In Safety.

Fourteen persons were injured, one perhaps fatally.

On the morning of Nov. 11, when Santa Fe passenger train No. 11, the Kansas City Flyer, was wrecked by a broken rail two miles south of Mulhall, Logan county. One baggage car, one coach and one Pullman car rolled down an eighteen foot embankment, landing on three sides. Three Pullman coaches also left the track but did not turn over.

### Fourteen Injured.

Mrs. E. M. Smith, 39 years old, Colorado Springs, Colo., was thrown from her seat and was injured. Mrs. M. M. Smith, 45 years old, Newton, Kan., sustained internal injuries. Mrs. F. D. Collins, 35 years old, Oklahoma City, broken ribs. W. G. Buffington, Arkansas City, Kan., arm broken. Jack Kennedy, John Goshen, Marshalltown, Ia., believed injured internally, were not about head and neck. Mrs. Raymond H. Pruitt, Healdton, Okla., cuts on breast and arm; R. H. Pruitt, Healdton, Okla., minor injuries; T. N. Barrows, Ponca City, Okla., cut well; J. L. Pruitt, Healdton, Okla., cut head and arm; Miss Lena Smith, Colorado Springs, Colo., minor injuries; Miss Carrie Smith, Colorado Springs, Colo., minor injuries; E. F. Deeding, Fort Wayne, Ind., broken ribs; Carl H. Thompson, Healdton, Okla., leg broke; Frank Witherspoon, Kansas City, Mo., lacerations on head and face; N. E. Carroll, nurse porter, Kansas City, Mo., broken ribs.

Within twenty minutes after the wreck, a special train left Guthrie, 12 miles south of Mulhall, with all available doctors. A second special, carrying doctors and nurses, left thirty minutes later. The train later started back to Oklahoma City, carrying passengers of the wrecked train.

### Injured In Guthrie

The special from Guthrie returned to that city with all passengers and the injured were rushed to Methodist hospital.

Just after the train had crossed the Beaver Creek trestle, T. W. Roushe, the engineer, said, a jolt was felt as the engine passed over the broken rail. The engine kept the track, as did the mail car and two baggage cars, but one baggage coach, one chair and three Pullman cars jumped, three of these rolling into the ditch and landing on their sides. The train was traveling at between fifty and fifty-five miles an hour when wrecked.

Immediately the uninjured passengers and crew members, amid the mass of wreckage, began the work of first aid to the injured, and in extracting those pinned by wreckage.

### Miracle Saves Children

Miss Edith Smith, who says she was going with her two sisters to Tulsa for a vacation. The two older sisters were only slightly injured.

Only a miracle saved the two small children of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond H. Pruitt of Healdton, from injury. The children, a boy 3 years old and a tiny 2 months old baby girl were uninjured, while the parents both were hurt. Mrs. Pruitt was knocked unconscious for twenty minutes.

John Goshen of Marshalltown, Iowa, also was knocked unconscious. He was on the opposite side of the chair car and was thrown to the side upon which the car fell with great force. He remained unconscious for thirty minutes and is believed to have sustained internal injuries as a result of the force of the blow.

### APPROVE RAIL WAGE SLASH

Canadian Arbitrators Back Recent Cut in Report to Minister of Labor.

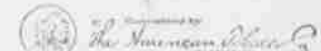
Ottawa, Ont.—The board of arbitrators in the wage dispute between the Canadian national railways and its employees, handed up to the minister of labor a report approving the recent 12 1/2 percent reduction in pay of employees receiving more than \$125 monthly. A graduated scale of reduction is applied to workers receiving less than \$125.



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Woodrow Wilson at 30.

a Virginian, but the son of an Ohio clergyman and of an English mother—was a student or teacher of the science, or rather the art of governing for 30 years before he held a political office.

That fact was left out of their reck-